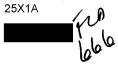
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- 1. The Communist Party in Belgium is in a bad financial condition, lacks sound leadership and is, at present, in a very weak position in labor groups, except for the low-grade coal areas of the Borinage and in one small dock workers syndicate in Antwerp.
- 2. Very recently the Central Committee of the FGTB (Federation Generale des Travailleurs Belges), which in 1945 was a 50-50 coalition of Socialists and Communists with a membership of 500,000, has ousted all Communist committee members, because Communist Party now controls only seven percent of the Federation membership,
- 3. According to figures available in Brussels, the over-all Communist strength in Belgium is now between four and five percent.

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